was sanctioned by Government of India to Maharashtra as advance plan assistance under drought relief for taking up drinking water schemes in the drought affected areas.

Complaints against , prtoject coordi. nator, barley project, IARI, Karnal

825. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director of Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi has received a memorandum on behalf of the employees of the Barley Project IARI Regional Station, Karnal in February, 1986 regarding irregularities in purchases and funds, tempernig of official records, misuse of official vehicles etc. against the Project Coordinator (Barley);

(b) what are the details of the charges made;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the allegations;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is a fact that some of the staff members of the said re gional station have been harassed for making these complaints, if so, what action has been taken to prote cted the staff members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The charges are generally of the nature indicated in part (a) of the Question.

(c) to (e) The matter is under in-vestigation of the Council in Consultation with Director, IARI, New Delhi. Suitable action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation. The staff will not be allowed to be harassed for ventilating genuine grievances.

Drought in Maharashtra

826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maha-rashtra is again facing a drought this year;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what financial assistance the Central Government have provided or propose to provide to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The extent of. damages caused due to continuing drought as reported by the State Government is *as under:—

1. Districts affected	—	23
2. Population affected	—	180.74 lakhs
3. Cropped area affected	—	58.88 lakh ha.
4. Cattle population affected	—	81.00 lakhs

(c) A ceiling of Rs. 87.24 crores as Central assistance has been approved so far for 1985-86 including Rs. 21.68 crores for 1986-87.

T.V. Towers at Vishakapatnam and Vijayawada

827. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR) REDDY; Will the Minister of IN-FORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up which high powered TV

transmitters at Vishakhapatnam and Vijayawada;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the transmitters are proposed to be set up, if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMA TION AND BROi*|DCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, The work i_s in hand for the replacement of the existing low power (IOO W) TV transmitter at Vishakhapatnam by a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter and aug mentation of the existing high power TV transmitter at Vijayawada (opera ting at present on reduced power of 1 KW output pending construction of tower) to its full power of 10 KW. These projects are expected to be competed during 1986-87.

Water supply and electricity facility in Pocket *0 Pitampura, Delhi

8QS{ DRI (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI;

SHRi T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the statement laid oil the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 21:st December, 1983 showing the fulfilment of th_e assurance given to Rajya Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question 3267 en the 26th Augut, 1983 and state;

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that water supply and electricity was to be made available by the $_e$nd of March. 1984 in Pocket 'C, Pitampura, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the aforesaid work ha,s not been completed even in April, 1986 in spite of representations to the De'.hi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation Delhi frcm time to time from Pocket C Residents' Association, Pitampura, Delhi;

(c) what action is to b_e taken aga inst those responsibi for neglecting the work of providing such vital civic amenities including sewage dis posal; and

(d) by when aU the amenities are likely to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRV OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) Yes., Sir.

(b) to (d) The scheme for carrying out internal electrification of Pocket 'C, Pitampura was completed by DESU by May. 85, and the electric connections are being provided. The water supply network has been completed by DDA. This will be handed over to MCD whereafter the connections will b_e <?iven by them.

Winding up of Government Stationery Depot, Calcutta

829. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wind up the Government Stationery Depot at Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the closure of the Depot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.